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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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relative to the leading thread blades.

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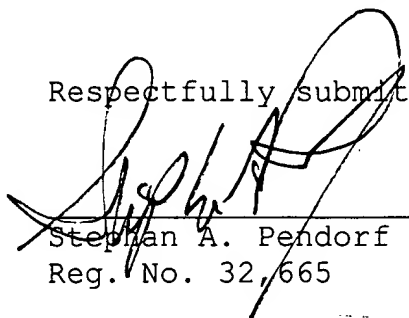
✓ Page 37, line 1, delete "Summary" and insert --**ABSTRACT**--.

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to conform the original translated specification and claims to U.S. requirements, i.e., appropriate section headers are added, reference in the specification to the claims has been deleted, and new claims are submitted to take the place of the original claims in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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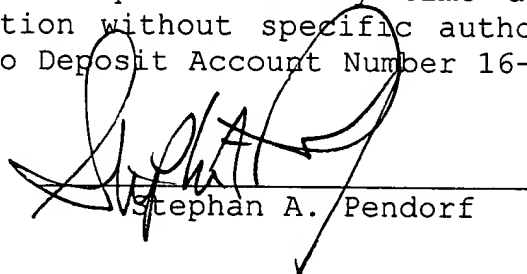
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.

  
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